

Richmond Athletic Association Will Fill Long Felt Need

MATTIS BELONGS TO LOCAL CLUB, SAYS BRADLEY

Will Offer Protest as to Disposition of Player by Jack Grim.

NEW PRESS STAND WILL BE BUILT

Local Baseball Writers Will Be Well Housed During Coming Season—Salary of Umpires in Virginia League Raised. President Boatright Working on Schedule.

BY GUS MALBERT

Part of Steve Griffin's troubles may be over if the claim of Secretary Bradley, that Ralph Mattis, originally with the Colts, but last season with Jack Grim in Newport News, still belongs to Richmond. According to the local magnate, Grim was given the service of Mattis with the understanding that if he was sold before the end of the season Grim was to get half the purchase money, but, if unsold, at the completion of the playing season, title to the player would revert to the local club. Evidence upholding this position is said to be in the possession of W. B. Bradley. Grim, it will be remembered, about to lose his grip in Virginia League affairs for all time, just before the expiration of the time limit allowed him to dispose of his players, set out in wholesale fashion, without regard for anything save to recoup his fortunes, to get rid of them. Bristol, in the Appalachian League, benefited most, getting such men as Mattis and Buck Hooker, notwithstanding the fact that Bristol is in a class "D" organization.

Griffin is considerably worried over the make-up of his outfield. The inner lines of defense have been looked after and the infield is expected to pan out in great shape, but the garden is still uncared for. If Mattis comes back and a deal can be fixed up by which he can be re-swapped and taken away from Roanoke, where he went in the Baker-Mattis-Burleson-Newton trade, that fills one corner with a good boy, better now since he has had a few knocks and a few reefs taken in a head, which was inclined to overlap his hat. Charles should take care of the other corner, while in centre garden Griffin may use Bob Carter, or he may tie to a youngster as yet unnamed. Steps will be taken at once by the local management to establish the claim to Mattis, and by all the rules he will be delivered here.

Splendid Press Stand.

Here's news that is real news. Richmond's new ball yard will contain facilities for the men writing the game second to none in the country. Though the plant may not be as pretentious as some in the big leagues, and while no stadium will be constructed, the local men interested have come to the conclusion that the men behind the pencils have been crowded long enough. In the plans for the new grandstand is included a press box, to be built on top of the grandstand, or rather to form a sort of upper deck. Approach to the press stand will be by way

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JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM



Left to right—(kneeling)—L. Palmore, R. Robins (Captain), R. Williams, H. Atkinson, R. Klevesahl, T. Hoover, H. Brumby; (standing) L. Hill (manager), A. Cosby, C. Brumby, I. Craig, P. Gray and W. Blanton (coach).

POULTRY SHOW IS BIGGEST EVER

Everything in Readiness for Opening, Beginning at Noon Next Tuesday.

LARGE LIST OF EXHIBITORS

Handsomeness Attract Poultry Fanciers From Every Section of Country.

Lovers of chickens and other poultry may revel next week at the annual show of the Virginia Poultry Association. After months of preparation the show is now ready to throw open its doors to the public, and at noon Tuesday, to the cackling of hens and the crowing of roosters, the show will be on at No. 808 East Main Street, in the old Chesapeake and Ohio office building.

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FOOTBALL CLUB IS ORGANIZED

University of Virginia Starts Move to Stimulate Interest All Year Around.

Charlottesville, Va., January 11.—The initial meeting of the football club of the University of Virginia, held in the smoking room of Madison Hall, was largely attended. Carrington Williams, president of the General Athletic Association, presided and introduced Dr. William A. Lamoth, who gave an interesting talk on the purpose of organization of the club, and predicted that the work done would greatly aid in developing football at the university.

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HARRY GRIFFIN LEADS SPIDERS

Colt Pitcher Expects to Turn Out Winning Ball Club for College.

Harry Griffin, who will coach the Richmond College baseball team this season, expects to put a winner in the field. He has a number of last year's men back in the fold, and besides, there will be some recruits who come with reputations. Jimmie Hulcher, the local flinger who sent terror to the heart of many of the amateurs around the city, will be with the Spiders, and there will be another flinger, named Powhatan County, named Flannagan, who starred on the diamond at Randolph-Macon a couple of years ago. A game has been arranged between the Spiders and V. P. I. to be played here. Call for practice will be issued in a few days.

U. S. LEAGUE IS REBORN.

With Same Backers as Last Year, New Start Will Be Made Without Richmond. Chicago, Ill., January 11.—Promoters who were behind the United States Baseball League last year are making plans to rehabilitate the organization. W. M. Whitman again has been elected president of the league, and he and others have been attempting to obtain financial backing for clubs in eight cities. They are Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Reading, Baltimore and Cincinnati.

HERBERT'S PLANS ARE MATURING

George Herbert is making rapid progress in forming his new athletic club for the promotion of boxing and wrestling in Richmond, and expects to hold a meeting of the men interested before the end of this week. The \$1,000 needed for equipping the proposed gymnasium and for securing a charter has been pledged. Herbert expects to have an initial membership of at least 500. He says that at least that number have told him that they would willingly join, provided his club was properly financed and was conducted legally. Little trouble is anticipated in securing a charter from the State Corporation Commission, as nothing will be done which could in any way conflict with existing laws.

NEW STADIUM IS NEARLY COMPLETE

Richmond College's new stadium is under way, and when spring rolls around will be complete. The stadium is at the new home of the school at Westhampton. It will contain a baseball field, a gridiron and a cinder track. A concrete grandstand is being built which will take care of about 1,000 spectators. The stand is so constructed that it can be added to from time to time. It is not known just when the buildings will be ready for occupancy at the new grounds.

VISIT NEW YORK FOR NEW IDEAS

Local Automobile Show Promoters Take Trip to Find Out Some Things.

In the interest of Richmond's automobile show, which will be held here next month, practically everybody connected with this enterprise will leave to-night for New York to mingle with the exhibitors in the Madison Square Garden display. While the space in the Horse Show Building has been well-nigh exhausted, it is hoped by the local enthusiasts that something may be seen in the big city which may offer suggestions to the local promoters. So far as they know, they have provided for the entertainment, instruction and amusement of those who will visit the local show, but they want to make doubly sure that nothing has been overlooked.

An enthusiastic meeting was held yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Richmond Automobile Club, at the Jefferson Hotel. Everybody had something good to say. There wasn't a pessimist in the crowd. Chairman Blenner and Manager T. R. Hutchinson both reiterated statements on former occasions that this initial show would begin where others had left off, and that it would be the last word in giving the public an opportunity to learn just what had been accomplished in automobile construction. Further, it would provide a sure means of letting Richmond know just how vitally Richmond was interested in automobiles.

Contracts for all of the display advertising were let, and soon Richmond and the outlying districts will be plastered with all manner of glaring signs telling of the automobile show. Excursions will be run into Richmond each day during show week, and vast throngs are expected to fill the Horse Show Building. It will be a gala week from every standpoint.

BUCK HOOKER TO COACH V.P.I. TEAM

Book Hooker, of last year's Newport News club, who was thrown into the lap of the Bristol club, of the Appalachian League, when Jack Grim made his wholesale departure, will coach the baseball team of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Hooker believes that he will make good as a coach, and expects to turn out a winner for the Blacksburg school.

MEDICAL SCHOOLS PLAY BASEBALL

Both Old and New College Will Have Clubs in Field.

Both the Medical College of Virginia and the University College of Medicine will have baseball teams in the field this season. Dr. Klevesahl will coach the Medical College of Virginia, while a coach for the new school remains to be selected. Early material is on hand at both institutions. Practice will begin just as soon as the frost is out of the air. The training grounds for both institutions will be on the grounds of Christ Church Association, Church Hill.

BLUES-COLLEGE MEET IS CERTAIN

Question of Date and Place Is Now Worrying Athletic Authorities.

A Blues-Richmond College track meet is assured. Manager Sheppard Crump and Olin Richardson, who will coach the Blues' squad of cinderpathers, are authority for this announcement. But just where and when the meet will be held is still under consideration. February 22 was under consideration, but this date was abandoned because of the automobile show. The following Saturday, February 1, is the date of the Georgetown meet, and both the Blues and Richmond College expect to send men to that meet. February 8, the Saturday following, is at present the most popular date, though it has by no means been definitely determined upon.

Quiet work looking to interesting the colleges in the State and those outside the State has been going on, and announcement is made that a formidable array, if talent will be on hand, to compete in the many events. The meet last year, in spite of unfavorable weather conditions, was a financial success, and the two institutions feel that this year, with anything like an even break, they will clear a profit.

HIGH SCHOOL MEN GIVEN LETTERS

On Wednesday morning the following men were presented with white sweaters by the Athletic Association of John Marshall High School, with a blue "J. M." as monogram: Captain Robins, Palmore, Williams, Atkinson, Klevesahl, Hoover, H. Brumby, Cosby, C. Brumby, Craig, Gray, and Manager Hill.

This team also won the preparatory school cup of Richmond by defeating the Academy and McGuire's twice each. They also beat Norfolk High, Blacksburg Academy, Petersburg High, and were beaten only by Lynchburg High.

Much credit is due Coach Wallace Blanton, who turned out a winning team from much green material.

DISCUSS RULES TO-MORROW NIGHT

Committee From Amateur Baseball Commission Will Hold Important Session.

REDUCE NUMBER OF CLUBS

Just Four Will Form League in Order to Get More Games.

The rules committee of the Richmond Amateur Baseball Commission will meet to-morrow night in the offices of Dr. William H. Parker, chairman, to discuss certain changes which have been suggested during the off season. As has been pointed out before, the most important change to be considered will be that relative to making the maximum number of clubs in any league four, instead of six as obtained last season. The principal reason for this change is to allow more games between each of the clubs and thereby give a more real test of the relative merits of the clubs in each league.

Another change which is sure to cause some discussion is the application to create a class "AA." There can be no good reason for this is the argument of many, while the members of the Capital City League, claiming original membership under the jurisdiction of the commission, say that they are entitled to some special mark because of the fact that in a measure

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MANAGER HART HAS QUIT TEAM

No Longer Heads Ashland Outfit—Weldon Blanton Named as Successor.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Ashland, Va., January 11.—Manager Mac Hart, of the Ashland baseball team, has resigned as manager on account of his business, which prevents his giving as much time to the game as he would like to. Mr. Hart has resigned as manager of the team, still he has not severed his connection with the team. He is one of the directors, and will, where his business interests do not interfere, always be on hand to do what he can for the interest of the team. Mr. Hart more than made good last year as manager, but took some against him most of the time, and he could not be blamed because the team lost, for it was through no fault of his, and he showed his game sense by sticking to the team to the last. Weldon Blanton, a prosperous business man in Richmond and a brother of Pitcher Blanton, has been appointed manager for the 1913 season, and the prospects are very bright for a winning team.

Emory and Henry Has Game. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Emory, Va., January 11.—The Emory and Henry basketball team will play a last season game next Thursday. This will be the first college game of the season, and promises to be one of the best. The boys have been practicing regularly now for about a month, and show good form. Next Thursday's game will give a splendid opportunity to observe the strength of the team. A large attendance is expected.

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RICHMOND AWAKE TO POSSIBILITY OF LATEST MOVE

Richmond Athletic Association Will Physically Develop Citizens.

ALL CLASSES ARE ASKED TO JOIN

Men in All Walks of Life Are Asked to Co-Operate to Make New Organization Big Factor in Helping Boys and Girls Become Better Men and Women.

When the committee which is to name officers, a constitution and by-laws for the Richmond Athletic Association, or federation, whichever it is to be finally named, meets Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A., many problems will be presented for solution. Nor is the committee going to get its work done in one sitting. Unselfishness is the keynote, and the men who accepted service on this committee realize that they must act wisely and with thought for the welfare of all, or else the purpose for which they were formed into a committee will have been defeated.

This Richmond Athletic Association, federation, or what you will, is probably the biggest civic achievement in recent years. It was not organized for the purpose of finding out which man in Richmond could do 100 yards in the fastest time. Stars on the cinder path or over the jumps are not the object aimed at. If stars are developed they will be mere incident so far as the actual desires of the men who are willing to help with their time and minds and bodies are concerned. It is an awakening to the need of providing some means of recreation for the men and youths, boys and girls of Richmond, besides traveling the streets day in and day out.

To Have Mild Competition.

Mild competition, competition based upon the physical ability of the competitors to stand the strain, will be provided. But this isn't really the ultimate end to be achieved. Anybody can win a race provided proper care and attention is given to preparation for that particular event. But what is the aim of the new organization is to form men and women who will be well rounded, who will be built to withstand the everyday strain of living; whose minds will be stimulated because of clean bodies. The idea is to bring about an average of development. The giant in size and pigmy in mind is as much to be deplored as the pigmy in size and giant in mind. Though small of stature, a boy or girl can be developed to the maximum of hardness by proper educational methods applied to physical instruction. The fellow who towers above his mates can be imbued with the ethical idea that brute strength is not the final estimate of the man.

These are some of the things which the new organization hopes to accomplish. But above all else, it will strive to take care of the boys and girls who now have

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